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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Notice mailed 21 July 2005, consideration of the following remarks is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed in the U.S. Post Office via fax to 1 571 273 8300 on 19 August 2005 (37 CFR 1.10).

A new substitute Amendments to the Claims section is enclosed herewith, showing proper status for each claim, [original, currently amended. previously amended, cancelled, withdrawn. new, previously added, reinstated – formerly claim #_, previously reinstated, re-presented –formerly dependent claim #, or previously re-presented]. Only currently amended claims show amendments, by underlining additions and strike-through of deletions. Text of claims not currently amended is presented in clean version. 37 CFR 1.121.

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